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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS OF TUNIS AREA

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1. ELMENDORF OF IBRD DENIES MAKING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY AZZABI. VENKATESWARAN SAYS THAT HE TOLD AZZABI THAT THERE WERE AMERICAN COMPANIES WHICH COULD USE SKYLAB OR ERTS IMAGERY TO DEVELOP MAPS. VENKATESWARAN HAS CONTACTED A COMPANY NAMED BENDIX REPEAT BENDIX, A REPRESENTATIVE OF WHICH MAY GET IN TOUCH WITH AZZABI. VENKATESWARAN HIMSELF PLANS TO VISIT TUNIS NOVEMBER 20.

2. DEPTOFF TOLD VENKATESWARAN THAT IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT EXISTING SKYLAB/ERTS IMAGERY INADEQUATE FOR MAPS OF SCALE REQUIRED BY GOT. VENKATESWARAN SUGGESTED THAT IT UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT BE ADEQUATE FOR TYPE OF MAPS REALLY REQUIRED BY TUNIS MUNICIPALITY. DEPTOFF IS LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT AZZABI NEEDS TO REFINE HIS OWN THINKING ABOUT THIS.

VENKATESWARAN, WHO IS SEEKING MORE TECHNICAL INFORMATION,
MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WHEN HE SEES AZZABI LATER THIS MONTH. KISSINGER

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